

From time to time in recent years The Star has had something to say about Southwestern Bell Telephone company—its need for a permanent investment in Hope, a new building, and installation of the automatic dial system.

These things came true in yesterday's news story reporting the company's purchase of a 100-by-150-foot lot on the south side of Josephine hospital, South Main street. While the telephone firm's exact building plans are incomplete, it is understood that the structure may go up in the next two years, and Hope stands to have a modern communication plant by 1951.

Time changes all things, and unless you have been out of town you don't realize how the installation of the automatic dial system elsewhere has low-rated our own telephone equipment and service. After all, a plant's workers can't work more than their equipment will permit—and Southwestern Bell is now proposing to step out in a big way.

Unpaid press releases usually go into the waste-basket with a split-second timing, but I salvaged this one from today's mail because (1) it's about aviation, and (2) it's a startling story in itself.

American Airlines has just announced that it has flown more passengers miles since its last passenger flight than it flew in all its previous 20-year history.

2. This is equivalent to the operation of the Berlin airlift for three years.

3. Flying a single airplane 105 years.

4. Moving the entire population of New York City by air to Detroit.

It takes big figures to describe big accomplishments, doesn't it?

Soviet Power Game Wouldn't Get Vote of World's People
By JAMES THRASHER

The veto is a powerful political tool. There are no such simpletons here as would let it drop. That is, we use it more because it is because we are in the minority and the veto balances power."

Those frank words were spoken by Russia's Andrei Vishinsky before the Political Committee of the U. N. General Assembly. They are not encouraging. Yet they constitute, in a way, one of the more admirable statements yet made in the Paris sessions. They are not unduly honest. They are not overdone with diplomatic niceties.

With them Mr. Vishinsky did much to wipe away the Russian pose of desiring peace and working for the good of "the people." He admitted that Russia is playing a policy of "the same time, it is hard to challenge his assertion that "there are no such simpletons here" as would let the veto drop. If the rest of the Big Five had not wanted the veto in the first place, they would have used it. He challenged its inclusion when the UN Charter was being framed in San Francisco.

The Charter was written and agreed to by men who for the most part sincerely wanted an international organization that would really insure peace. But they were reared and schooled in the world of power politics, a world in which not only national security but national advantage and prestige are paramount. They could see that others might abuse the veto power, and it has been abused—but they were afraid to be without it for their own protection.

This does not fit in with the idealistic concept of the United Nations. And the concept of the veto is illogical. The old pattern of thought needed to be replaced.

Mr. Vishinsky, being an old-school and particularly hard-headed diplomat, thinks of those who would replace the old thought pattern as "simpletons." They are the ones who would conceive of the UN as representing a true body of world thought and action, rather than a focal point of balance-of-power maneuvering. They would accept major decisions by the absence of complete agreement, for settling international differences and avoiding war.

We believe that the "simpletons" would be a lot more representative of the people than the government. We also believe that if all the ordinary citizens of the world could cast their votes, the result would be heavily against international hatred and suspicion, against government imposed by force and maintained by terror, against guard posts in favor of butting against the military use of atomic power—and above all, against war.

Suspicion, argument, and the continued threat of atomic weapons are all necessary today, but the people who fight and die, who don't like them. They are all necessary in the main because Russia is playing a power game toward the deadly end of world conquest. They are also necessary, to a lesser extent, because the UN, which was set up to insure peace, is set up in such a way that the same old game can be played within the framework of the new organization.

Extension Class for Negro Teachers to Be Held Here

An extension class for negro teachers will begin at Young High School, Hope, Saturday morning, January 8, at 9:30. Miss Mildred Sherrod, member of the English staff at Henderson State Teachers College, will be the instructor. The course will be a survey of American literature, offered at the senior college level. It is expected that a large number of teachers and administrators from Hempstead County and vicinity will enroll Saturday.

Withdrawal of U. S. Troops in China Denied

Shanghai, Jan. 4 — (AP) — Vice Admiral Oscar C. Badger today denied American forces were being withdrawn from China.

Admiral Badger, commander of the Western Pacific fleet, said the "rumors were based on reports U. S. Marines had terminated their barracks."

Badger made his denial in a cabled statement from his Tsingtao base to the Associated Press in Shanghai.

His statement admitted discussions between the Chinese ministry of education and the navy as to "the feasibility of returning the campus to the university for educational purposes."

The admiral said he ordered an end of the negotiations "upon learning these were generally being used as a basis for withdrawal rumors."

The statement did not say whether any agreement had been reached before negotiations ended for returning to the university the buildings the navy have leased since the end of the war.

A Tsingtao report said said marines were preparing to pull out because peace talks were already underway between Communists and the national government.

There were plenty of rumors, but no indication that either side had taken a single step toward actual negotiating an end to the civil war.

Nanking heard rumors that Communists already have representation in either Nanking or Shanghai. But these were generally discounted in the capital itself as wishful thinking.

Even government warplanes have joined the peace offensive, dropping leaflets on Red troops urging them to lay down their arms.

Communists, whose armies dominate the military scene, have made no reply to any of the flood of pleas that they initiate peace negotiations. The Nationalist government has made no move since Chiang Kai-shek's New Year's day message. This expressed willingness to talk peace—on his terms.

A Tsingtao dispatch said some 1,000 United States Marines are leaving their barracks and boarding naval vessels in the harbor. It reported they were expected to withdraw from Tsingtao, anchorage of the U. S. Western Pacific fleet, before Jan. 25.

The report said the U. S. sources here denied marines were preparing to leave China. But their denials were half-hearted.

One spokesman, who should be in a position to know, said: "The report isn't wrong it's just premature."

The Tsingtao report said "the reason officially given for the surprise move was that since the Chinese government has now decided to negotiate for peace settlement with the Reds, there is a good prospect for peace being restored and the presence of the marines is no longer needed."

There was no confirmation that peace talks are underway. New demands for peace came from the Shanghai businessmen. And Communists were reported pressing for local negotiations to end the civil war in five northern provinces.

The Tsingtao report came from the Associated Press local correspondent. He said Vice Admiral Oscar C. Badger, commander of the western Pacific fleet, would continue to maintain his base in Tsingtao.

Continued efforts were being made to reach Admiral Badger for a clarifying statement.

The correspondent's report said marine authorities notified National Shantung university they were evacuating their quarters on the V-J day Buildings were to be turned back to the university by January 21. Some quarters in Shanghai said the order pertained merely to evacuation of shopkeepers and concessionaires for the buildings.

The announcement touched off a series of rumors in Tsingtao. One was that Communists, who control most of Shantung peninsula, were preparing for a large scale attack on the Tsingtao area, and marines did not want to get involved. Another was that the U. S. government has accepted a request of the Chinese government that it mediate a settlement of the civil war.

State department officials in Washington expressed surprise at the "Tsingtao development," but said Admiral Badger has authority to pull out of the Tsingtao anchorage.

Source in Shanghai said they had heard no such report officially, but said it would not be surprising. Some 600 marines are at Tsingtao, quartered aboard the transport Bayfield. They said they had heard nothing about leaving China. There are about 5,000 marines in China, of which 4,000 are in the Western Pacific Fleet Marine Force. Small detachments are with U. S. diplomatic offices in various cities.

Kaufman Makes \$5000 Bond at Texarkana

Paul Kaufman, 42, Texarkana, was released from Miller county jail yesterday after posting \$5000 bond on a narcotic charge. Eugene "Monty" Wright, arrested near Hope with Kaufman failed to make bond. Both men posted \$5000 bonds in Hempstead county several days earlier on charges of possession of burglary tools.

Hailstorm Hits McCaskill and Ozan Areas

A heavy hailstorm hit northern Hempstead County about mid-afternoon yesterday with McCaskill and Ozan the hardest hit. So far as could be learned, nobody was injured and damage to roofs, etc., was not extensive. An observer driving through after the storm had passed told of large hailstones littered the roads in both sections.

Refused to Fly Plane in Which 14 Died

Seattle, Jan. 4 — (UP) — A licensed transport pilot said today that he refused to fly the chartered DC-3 transport that crashed at Boeing Field Sunday night and killed 14 Yale students and three crewmen.

Ernest G. Flood, Jr., Seattle, a pilot for Trans Air airlines, said he "fell ice had formed on the wings" of the plane so he refused to fly the ship.

The plane had been chartered by the Seattle Air Charter company, a non-scheduled airline, to take students returning to school after the Christmas holidays.

The ship crashed into an earthen hangar on the take-off. In addition to the 14 killed, 13 students were hospitalized with burns. Three students escaped uninjured.

Flood made his statements last night before a Civil Aeronautics Board investigation.

At the time of the crash, the plane was flown by Pilot William Chavers of Seattle.

Testimony given Civil Aeronautics Administration regional Director R. D. Bedinger indicated that Chavers attempted the takeoff on the icy runway "despite warnings from the Boeing field tower of below minimum weather requirements."

Bedinger said the tower had warned Chavers twice that there was not sufficient visibility or ceiling for takeoff.

"And that advice is tantamount to telling Chavers the field is closed," Bedinger added.

Jack R. Cluck, company attorney, said that a stenographic transcript of the tower-pilot conversation prior to takeoff within minutes of the crash, showed clearance to co-pilot duties because he had not been checked out in the cross-country route.

"Therefore, we feel his reasons for declining to fly were inspired by reasons other than safety," Cluck said.

Autopsies Ordered in Smog Deaths

Los Angeles, Jan. 4 — (UP) — Autopsies were ordered today to determine if smog conditions in adena during the New Year's Tournament of Roses caused the death of seven persons.

Coroner Ben Brown said he wanted to learn whether the deaths, originally attributed to heart attacks, could be compared to those which occurred in last year's smog tragedy at Donora, Pa. Autopsies will reveal whether carbon-monoxide or other poisonous gases contributed to heart failure.

However, the Los Angeles county smog control district, set up last year to combat industrial fumes and smoke, said the area's smog on New Year's day was light compared to conditions last autumn.

The police emergency hospital at Pasadena treated 32 persons for heart attacks and 33 for fainting on Saturday, but reported one number not unusual for the crowd of 1,500,000 which filled the city for the annual parade and Rose Bowl football game.

Most of the victims were over 70 and died along the route of the Tournament of Roses parade.

New Year's day was cloudy, with a light mist during the early morning hours. Assistant county smog control director Gordon Larson said there wasn't any "real" smog in the air, because recent windstorms and rain had cleared the air of fumes.

King George Out and About After 8 Weeks

London, Jan. 4 — (AP) — King George left Buckingham Palace today for the first time since a circulatory ailment of the legs became serious eight weeks ago.

The king and queen went for a drive. He had not been out since Nov. 11, when he carried out his last public engagement before the announcement of his affliction.

Palace sources reported that his improvement, as reported by royal physicians yesterday, was limited and he had to avoid unnecessary movement.

BANK CALL ISSUED

Washington, Jan. 4 — (AP) — The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition to all national banks at the close of business Dec. 31, 1948.

Truman Gets Unexpected Aid From GOP

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
Washington, Jan. 4 — (AP) — Signs of some unexpected Republican support for President Truman appeared on Capitol Hill today as the new 81st congress ironed out organization details.

Mr. Truman will face the lawmakers tomorrow when he delivers his annual state of the union message to a joint senate-house session.

Developments in yesterday's opening session indicated clearly that Mr. Truman will have far less difficulty getting what he wants from congress than he has had in the past.

Mr. Truman campaigned for repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor law and for passage of laws to provide housing, health and education aids, a higher minimum wage, firmer farm price supports and protection of minority groups against discrimination.

With both senate and house in recess until tomorrow, members of the Democratic majority and the Republican minority were trying to interpret an opening-day house vote which, on its face, indicated that President Truman may have a lot of Republican support in the new congress.

That vote was on an administration-backed proposal to curb the power of the house rules committee, on which in the past a coalition of Republicans and southern Democrats has blocked major legislation wanted by the president. The same coalition was a distinct possibility again this year, especially with regard to legislation to repeal the Taft-Hartley labor law.

Jack Watkins Joins United Farm Agency

Jack Watkins has successfully passed the Real Estate salesman examination and has joined the United Farm Agency at Hope and surrounding territory, Rue S. Wait, manager, announced today.

Mr. Watkins served in the Army for almost four years, spent twenty-two months in the Southwest Pacific Theatre, since discharge from the service he operated a grocery business in the western part of Hope and is well known throughout Southwest Arkansas.

"I feel very fortunate in securing the services of a man of Mr. Watkins qualifications to assist in the work of this Agency," said Mr. Wait in announcing the appointment.

Negro Cafe on South Shover Damaged by Fire

The Black Diamond, a Negro cafe on South Shover Street, partially burned about 11:30 last night and first estimates placed the loss in the neighborhood of \$1000. It was not a complete loss the Fire Department announced today. Firemen believe the blaze caught from an oil stove.

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Speculation on Just What Has Happened, If Anything, to the American Home

By HAL BOYLE

New York — (AP) — My problem, Mr. Anthony, is what is happening to the American home?

What's that, Mr. Anthony? You want me to step a little closer to the microphone? Yes, sir, Mr. Anthony, here it is.

Now, why I am worried about the American home? Yes, sir, I'll be as brief as I can.

You see, Mr. Anthony, the other day I read how some architects were suggesting that living rooms of the future should be centered around the television set rather than the fireplace.

And I got to thinking what that would mean. Because the fireplace has been the center of home life ever since the first cave man clashed two flint rocks together—and the first warming spark flew.

Can you pop corn over a television set, Mr. Anthony? Could Abraham Lincoln have read his Bible by the light of a television set?

And when shivering visitors come into the American home of the future on a cold day, Mr. Anthony, will manna say: "Throw another log on the fire, pop our guests are cold?"

I hate to be old-fashioned about this. But I'm a fireplace fan. And what I've been doing to the American home in the last fifty years shouldn't happen to a doghouse.

Sure, year by year it is getting more comfortable—they say. Is it though, really? Is it actually any healthier to live in than the big spacious houses our forefathers built?

Mr. Anthony, I think the answer is no. Space is important to a family's well-being as an automatic thermostat. And the house of today is so small that when a man comes in and slams his front door the calendar falls off the wall in the kitchen.

Remember the large dining rooms of the past, Mr. Anthony, and how the big families used to feast in them and cheerfully threshed out the day's worries? What happened to them? Now they are building more and more houses without dining rooms. Instead they throw in another bathroom or just shrink down the house, so you'd think it was a hostel for midgets.

And as for closets, the huge old roomy closets of the past, dare we ever remember them? Why, a man today has to call in two neighbors even to wedge his overcoat into his new closet.

What ever happened, Mr. Anthony, to the "home, sweet home" that John Howard Payne sang of? Yes, that lovely thatched cottage where birds, singing gayly, came at his call, that home where he said he found "peace of mind dearer than all."

Is the average home of today even a canary refuses to sing. Can a canary outchirp a soap opera? Can he outtrill a radio jazz band? Now, what I want to know, Mr. Anthony, is: Can't we do something to keep the brave new world out of what is left of our living room? Home is after all our refuge from the world, not our window to it.

If we have to center one room around a television set—and I realize we eventually will—can't we make it another room? I suggest the bathroom, because that certainly would cut down arguments over which program to switch to.

That, Mr. Anthony, is my problem—to preserve peace of mind in the home by putting the television set where a man can take it or leave it alone.

Watermelon Year Around in Home of Mrs. Hamilton

Its watermelon every day at the home of Mrs. S. R. Hamilton 4 miles east of Patmos and just to prove it she brought a couple of 25-pounders to town today.

The melons were placed in a little-used room shortly after they were picked about the middle of August. Apparently they are in good shape and ready to eat—no spots or anything.

So if you have a hankering for watermelon in mid-winter just contact Mrs. Hamilton.

Allies Demand Soviet Count of War Prisoners

Washington, Jan. 4 — (AP) — The Western powers, in a sharp counterblow to Communist propaganda charges, have demanded an exact count of German war prisoners still held in the Soviet Union.

Under a four-power agreement, all prisoners of war were to have been sent home by the end of 1948. Russia has been claiming that many former German soldiers are being held as phony "volunteers" workers in the Western zones of Germany.

The United States, France and Britain gave their answer to that charge yesterday.

The state department announced that a note had been delivered to Moscow asking (A) how many prisoners of war still are in Russia; (B) what the Soviet Union plans to do about returning them to Germany; and (C) how many have died in captivity.

The Soviet News Agency Tass replied in a broadcast from the Russian capital that an "overwhelming majority" of the German prisoners have been sent home, and added:

"The repatriation of the remainder is proceeding according to the plan adopted by the Soviet government and is to be completed during 1949."

Allied German sources estimate that more than 200,000 prisoners of war remain in Russian hands.

While Tass repeated the charges that the Western nations have refused to release "a large number of German prisoners of war in guise of wage labor," the state department noted that the last German war prisoner held by the United States actually was freed by mid-1947, aside from a handful of hospitals or absent without leave.

Britain and France have given similar assurances.

The Western action dealt only with Russia's German prisoners. Repatriation of Japanese prisoners has been a sore spot between Moscow and General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters at Tokyo.

State Police Headquarters a Madhouse

Little Rock, Jan. 4 — (AP) — The Arkansas state police headquarters was a regular madhouse for several hours after the Warren tornado struck last night.

The radio squawked, emergency plans were made in loud voice to overcome the noise, the telephones on the four truck lines jangled constantly.

But whoever who answered one of the calls, a woman's voice said:

"I have a cousin living near Warren. Please have one of your men go by her house and see if she is all right."

C of C Elects Four Board Members

Ballots were counted yesterday and Albert Graves, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Committee, announced that Herbert Burns, Fay Hammons, Sr., Bart York and Frank McLarty were elected to serve three-year terms on the Chamber's board of directors.

The board will meet Thursday, January 6, to elect officers and discuss the possibility of a cordination clinic here. Meeting with the group will be J. F. Tuohy, coordinator, who is sponsored by the Arkansas Economic Council and the Resources and Development Commission.

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Tornado Strikes Warren Leaving at Least 50 Dead, Hundreds Injured

By CARL BELL
Warren, Jan. 4 — (AP) — A drizzling rain that was like a grey shroud fell on this tornado-battered lumber mill community today as authorities moved to restore a semblance of normalcy.

The casualty list remained at 45 dead and 250 to 300 injured but Mayor Jim Hurley expressed belief the death toll would exceed 50.

He said water service was back and electricity probably would be restored before nightfall. Some businesses were operating.

The storm which rolled in with a thundering roar hit here yesterday evening not long after other twisters had killed four persons and injured scores in northern Louisiana and near El Dorado, Ark.

All though the night dazed survivors at Warren (population 7,500) stumbled through the ruins of a 20-block industrial and residential area many aimlessly others in search of relatives. Warren is 100 miles southeast of Little Rock.

Doctors and nurses from nearby communities and from Hot Springs.

Following is a list of tentatively identified dead in Monday's tornadoes that struck Arkansas and Louisiana:

At Warren: Mrs. Mary Bantrum, Mrs. Blanche Enoch, Theodor Lovell, Two children of Horace Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin White and four children or grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Henderson; their daughter, Mrs. Alvin Reep and Mr. Reep, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Greene, Mrs. Jessie Hamilton, Mrs. Cyril Derryberry and son, Richard, Joe Creed, Mrs. Leonard Johns and child, Ben Braxton, Douglas Sinks, Josie Harding, B. O. Wullivan (died in a Little Rock hospital), Near Haynesville, La.: Howard Douglass, 53, T. J. Hick, ten-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Hicks, Near El Dorado, Ark.: Mr. and Mrs. Luther A. McGowan, Mrs. S. A. D. Sinks, A Mr. King of Pangburn, Mrs. Lula Belle Moore Baker and husband.

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Mayor Hurley expressed fear that other bodies would be recovered and predicted the death toll would reach 50 maybe more.

The mayor estimated the storm cut a swath half-mile wide and wrecked 15 to 20 per cent of the homes and buildings in the southern and eastern sections of the town.

Convicts equipped with bulldozers picks and shovels aided in the task of clearing the debris. Mayor Hurley said damage conservatively estimated would reach the \$100,000 mark.

Identification of the dead was developing into a difficult job. Many of the bodies were cut to ribbons by falling or flying timbers and other debris. So far only 27 have been named.

Anniversary at Saenger Wednesday

On Wednesday and Thursday, January 5 and 6, the Saenger Theater will celebrate with the patrons the birthday of the theater by serving a traditional birthday cake.

The cake will be cut by City Manager Earl Young in the lobby of theater at 7:00 Wednesday night, January 5, and served to patrons during the evening. Radio Station KXAR will interview patrons in the lobby at 8:00.

Officials of the Richards Lightman Theatre corporation opened the Saenger on January 7, 1948, after years of struggle to build a strict building regulations. With the help of Hope citizens a building permit was issued in May 1947 and construction started shortly afterwards. The name Saenger in Hope has for many years been outstanding in theater comfort and picture entertainment. Today motion pictures have become educational as well as entertainment, offering the family many nights enjoyed together at the movies.

At the coming year officials of Saenger and Rialto theaters pledged to the people of Hope and territory the very best in motion pictures, Mr. Young said.

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The storm struck at 5:45 p. m. and lasted 15 minutes. Its arrival as most of the town prepared for supper was heralded by an ominous roar. The business district escaped.

By CARL BELL
Warren, Jan. 4 — (AP) — Mayor Jim Hurley expressed belief that the fatality toll in last evening's tornado would exceed 50. Between 250 and 300 persons were injured.

He said the death toll stood at 46 and that he expected more bodies would be found in debris that littered a 20-square block residential and industrial area. At least 27 deaths had been tentatively identified. Identification of several others was made difficult because of the condition of the bodies.

The mayor said 150 national guardsmen and state policemen were combing wreckage at daybreak and should complete the task by 10 a. m. (CST).

Hurley said one of the injured two in Pine Bluff hospitals and one at Monticello. Some of the others injured were not expected to recover.

He expressed belief the losses would total \$1,000,000. Some other estimates were higher.

Mayor Hurley reported at 6:45 a. m. that "things were under control."

The devastating storm struck this lumber mill community at 5:45 p. m. yesterday. The business district escaped.

Hurley announced that convicts from Tucker prison farm are being brought here to start the cleanup job. Bulldozers are being mobilized to help speed the task.

The storm climaxed a series of twisters that hop-skipped and dipped through Northwest Louisiana and Arkansas late yesterday and last night. None of others was as violent as the big, black cloud with a red funnel that bore down on Warren with a population of 7,500, ninety miles south of Little Rock. Two persons perished in near Shreveport and 29 others were injured. Two dead and nearly a hundred injured.

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Warren, Jan. 4 — (UP) — A young girl died in a hospital today at the bedside of her seven-year-old daughter, Carolyn Rose. She was the only member of her family to survive yesterday's tornado.

Derryberry hurried home after the twister passed and found his wife injured. He carried her to Hunt's clinic and, shortly thereafter, stood weeping at her bedside as she died.

Before many minutes passed neighbors carried in his son, Richard, and the little boy was dead on arrival.

Now, Derryberry sat by Carolyn Rose's bedside, waiting. She died at 7 a. m.

An approaching tornado, sounds different to each individual. V. O. Buck, a worker at Bradley's Lumber mill, said it sounded "like a water main blowing in."

Dr. Merl Crow, head of a clinic hospital which bears his name, said, "I heard the noise, like the roaring of giant swarms of bees."

Schoolteacher Bobby Owen said, "It sounded like 150 freight trains roaring into town all at once."

Dr. Crow's clinic was full of routine patients when the twister came. He said most of them home or elsewhere, to make sure the injured as they floored in.

"We ran out of blood plasma 30 minutes, but that problem was solved soon with the arrival of our supplies and doctors who brought in more supplies."

No accurate count of the injured, he said, will ever be possible.

At his clinic, for example, many dozens of lost hurt people came and went before, way into the night, an attempt was made to record names.

Hardest hit business was Bradley's mill. Its payroll is the town's biggest, but it works on a "one shift basis, and its business stops at 5:30 p. m."

Most of the workers had cleared the premises before the tornado struck, at about 5:45 p. m.

J. E. Ives, general superintendent, said no one was killed in the plant, but several persons were hurt and a few casual lingers were hurt.

Besides its industrial property loss, the mill company also lost 150,000 in residential real estate. It owned 250 to 300 houses in the neighborhood, which its employees rented. Many of them were shredded.

GOP Members Still Don't Like Taft

Washington, Jan. 4 — (AP) — Balking Republicans threatened today to carry on their fight against Senator Taft of Ohio by actively opposing any senate leadership proposal and by electing a new chairman of the GOP policy committee by a 24 to 14 vote of confidence given him yesterday by the 42-member Republican caucus.

But the 14 insurgents, who took the short end of the ballot served blunt notice today that the scarping isn't all over. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, defeated by Taft, keyed their victory.

"I think this is the beginning of a real movement backed by public opinion to impel forward motion to the Republican party and make it a really effective part of our two-party system."

Senator Morse of Oregon, who has called himself and his fellow colleagues "liberals," blasted Taft as "a symbol of reaction and defeatism for the Republican party."

Morse predicted that at least 13 of the 14 who voted for Lodge "will continue to stand united" in a general policy in fighting for a modern, forward looking program for the Republican party.

Two persons were signs that the Republican split might spill over to the senate floor on major issues. Senator Ives of New York said he expects most of the scarping to break out within party meetings.

Ives, who quarterbacked the insurgent move, said the fact that 14 Republicans voted against Taft "serves notice to the Republican party that some of us are determined that it shall go forward and not backward."

"But I fight my battles within the party and not outside," he added.

Senator Baldwin of Connecticut, one of the rebels, quipped to his supporters: "The guard dogs never surrender."

Taft himself discounted the rebellion. Continued on page two

Saenger Theater Anniversary Film, 'Smart Girls Don't Talk'

Theater to Celebrate First Year

When Warner Bros. bring "Smart Girls Don't Talk", starring Virginia Mayo, Bruce Bennett and Robert Hutton, to the Saenger Theatre Wednesday for the Saenger Anniversary Celebration, the picture will be adding a new chapter to its illustrious record of fine films.

Just recently Warner's brought out "Key Largo", which incidentally also starred Bennett and Hutton. This picture, which also maintained this year's tradition, proved a sensation over the country, and "Smart Girls Don't Talk" continues to keep the Warner banner out front with this exciting brand of picture.

Three stars in "Smart Girls Don't Talk" all share in the spotlight. Mayo, considered one of Hollywood's most ravishing blonde actresses, displays new histrionic talents in her role of the hard-living society girl who gets entangled in big city underworld.

Bennett, usually assigned to heroic parts, delves into the heavy-duty field here, playing a ruthless gambler. Robert Hutton, the third member of the starring trio, also departs from his usual type of role.

At the Saenger Wednesday and Thursday



VIRGINIA MAYO and BRUCE BENNETT teamed together in Warner Bros. action-drama, "SMART GIRLS DON'T TALK."

At the Rialto Wednesday and Thursday



Orson Welles and Rita Hayworth encounter the feared stranger in this scene from Columbia's suspense hit, "Lady From Shanghai."

Mrs. Addie Loe Dies at Home Near Prescott

Mrs. Addie M. Loe, 62, wife of J. H. Loe, died at her home late Monday near Prescott.

She is also survived by three sons, Morris and Jewell of Prescott and Emmet of Memphis, a daughter, Eda Loe of Prescott, 3 brothers, John Morris of Greenville, Leonard of Malvern, Isaac of Prescott, a sister, Mrs. Dolly Stovall of Prescott.

Funeral services will be held at Sweet Home Church at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

AP&L to Build Huge Generating Plant

Forrest City, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The Arkansas Power and Light company will construct a \$150,000,000 steam generating plant on a 300-acre site near the L'Angeuille river about five miles west of here.

F. P. McGaughey, Pine Bluff agent for the company, said today that the plant would be the largest of its kind in the state.

A. P. & L. President C. Hamilton Moses informed Forrest City Mayor Rodgers Denderick that construction of the generating plant probably will bring natural gas service to this and other east Arkansas cities.

Moses said his company has a definite commitment for gas for the new power plant which will require about 35 million cubic feet per day. Any pipeline constructed to supply the plant would have sufficient capacity to serve several cities in this area he reported.

Upon completion of the new generating plant, A. P. & L. will take over operation of the Forrest City municipal light plant under a lease agreement approved in a recent election. The company will pay an annual rental of about \$32,500 to the city.

Rep. Powell (D-NY) — to prohibit racial discrimination in employment interstate travel the armed services and District of Columbia places of amusement.

Rep. Angell (R-Ore) — to give statehood to Alaska and Hawaii.

Rep. Dingell (D-Mich) — to extend indefinitely the reciprocal trade agreements program and to re-impose the wartime excess profits tax.

President Walks to Station to Meet Family

Washington, Jan. 4.—(AP)—President Truman walked from his living quarters in Blair house to union station to meet Mrs. Truman and their daughter Margaret.

The trip is well over a mile.

The president's family arrived from Independence, Mo., at 7:50 a. m. (EST). Mr. Truman rode back to Blair House with them.

AFL to Meet, Discuss Court Ruling

By HAROLD W. WARD

Washington, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The Supreme court's decision upholding state laws on the closed shop today transformed a routine meeting of the AFL's legislative council into a high-strategy session.

The high court ruled yesterday that states have the right to enact laws restricting an outlawing the closed shop. Union attorneys believe the ruling also upholds prohibitions on other forms of compulsory union membership.

Since the decision left open the question of a union worker's right to walk off the job rather than work alongside a non-union employee, the AFL plans to find such a case and take that up to the Supreme court, too, if necessary.

Today's meeting of the legislative representatives of major AFL unions had been planned as a routine organization session. The council had been created by the convention in November.

But Thatcher said he would explain the court decision to the council members and the entire policy toward state legislation may have to be overhauled. Usually the relations with state legislatures are handled by state federations of labor. Contacts with members of congress on the other hand are left to the Washington representatives of the AFL and its 106 member unions.

The Taft-Hartley act outlawed the closed shop and required employers could agree to a union shop provision in a contract. The AFL like the CIO and other labor groups is fighting for repeal of the Taft-Hartley act and restoration of the old Wagner act which had no such restrictions.

However if states can outlaw union security provisions the unions may want to shift at least

Pravda Says Truman Not Telling Truth

Moscow, Jan. 4.—(UP)—The official Moscow newspaper Pravda said today that President Truman wasn't telling the truth when he accused Russia of failing to fulfill the Yalta and Potsdam agreements.

It was the first published reference in Russia to Mr. Truman's recent off-the-cuff speech at Kansas City, in which he said that the Soviet union had not carried out international agreements but added that "certain leaders" of Russia hoped for an understanding with the United States.

In a commentary signed by Marina, Pravda's writer on foreign affairs, the newspaper said: "The president's statement that the Soviet union allegedly is not fulfilling the Yalta and Potsdam decisions is in full contradiction with the truth and with well known facts."

"This declaration was needed in order to cover the obviously illegal decisions about the Ruhr. . . . Flagrantly violating the Yalta and Potsdam agreements."

Pravda's reference was to the recent agreement for international control of the Ruhr, from which Russia was excluded by the Western powers.

Radio 'Hams' Handy in an Emergency

Little Rock, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Weary weather radio operators throughout Arkansas turned off their rigs this morning after nearly 20 hours of emergency communications service into tornado-torn Warren Ark.

Hundreds of friends and relatives

some of their fire to the state houses to try to convince lawmakers there that such union bars are unnecessary.

APL President William Green withheld comment on the Supreme court decision as did CIO President Philip Murray. United Mine Workers' President John L. Lewis and other leading union spokesmen. Privately their associates left no doubt they considered the de-

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tives unable to contact Warren because of wrecked commercial communications turned to the "hams".

The traffic was handled through the American radio relay league emergency net headed by L. V. Brians of Carlisle Ark. the air force's civil air patrol station and the U. S. naval reserve.

Franklin Burt Little Rock naval reservist who performed similar service during the severe ice storm last January set up one of the naval reserve's portable stations on the courthouse square at Warren only a few hours after the tornado struck. Several members of the Little Rock radio club went to Warren to assist him in operating the station.

Emberton McRae and another amateurs manned the CAP station here and other amateur stations throughout the state took part or stood by for the entire period.

McRae said it would be several days before a report could be compiled but that the number of messages handled would run "into the hundreds."

At the turn of the 20th Century, ice-hockey was so popular in England it was considered a national past-time.

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Tornado

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score injured was the toll of two deaths near El Dorado, Ark., southwest of here and north of Haynesville.

The storm hit once more after leaving here, striking Dark Corner, northeast of Warren about an hour later. Two persons were hurt.

The tornado caused more casualties than the one which swept the Louisiana-Arkansas area between El Dorado and Shreveport a year ago.

The one which battered Warren apparently was a union of smaller storms that struck the two-state area southwest of here earlier yesterday. It moved in with a roar that sounded to W. D. Roddey like a "thousand railroad locomotives." Several war veterans compared the sound to the "battle" of battle-scarred clods they had seen in Europe.

"Millions" of an area comprising the big Bradley Lumber Co. mill, one of the largest flooring plants in the south, and residences of many of the employees in the south-east section were battered severely. Lumber was splintered and shivered over the community. Dwellings were flattened.

Electric, gas and water lines were knocked out. Despite torrents of rain, and fires broke out and Mayor Hurler said several homes were destroyed by flames. Fire cast an eerie glow over the scene. White and Negro rescue workers searched debris for casualties.

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GOP Members

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likelihood of a permanent rift among the Republicans.

"I don't think this division will carry down the line," he said.

He promised that under his guidance the policy committee "will follow a forward-looking constructive policy, accepting those things proposed by the administration that are sound and opposing those that we believe threaten American principles, liberty or justice."

More Pay for President Predicted

Washington Jan. 4.—(AP)—Speaker Rayburn predicted today that congress will act before Jan. 20 to give President Truman more pay—or at least to increase "the emoluments of his office."

And he told a news conference he is "very much in favor" of a pension for presidents after they leave the White House.

Rayburn said Mr. Truman finally has trimmed the White House food bill to around \$2000 a month. He didn't say what it used to be.

But after the economizing Rayburn said Mr. Truman still has only \$4200 left out of his \$75000 salary each year to clothe himself his wife and daughter. Taxes the food bills and other expenses leave only that.

"I think" he said "that's shaving it pretty close."

A presidential pension bill was the first measure introduced in the new congress. Offered by Rep. O'Toole (D-NY) it would give former presidents \$25,000 a year. At the moment only Herbert Hoover would be eligible.

Rayburn said congress doesn't have to act hurriedly on that adding with a grin: "I hope Mr. Truman will live to be the next president 8, 12 or 16 years from now."

Any formal pay raise proposal will call for speed.

To do Mr. Truman any good on a pay raise congress must act before he is inaugurated for his first full term on Jan. 20. The constitution says the president can't have a boost after he takes over the office as the man elected by the people.

O'Toole also introduced the No. 2 house bill to provide an official residence for the vice president.

Other bills introduced included these:

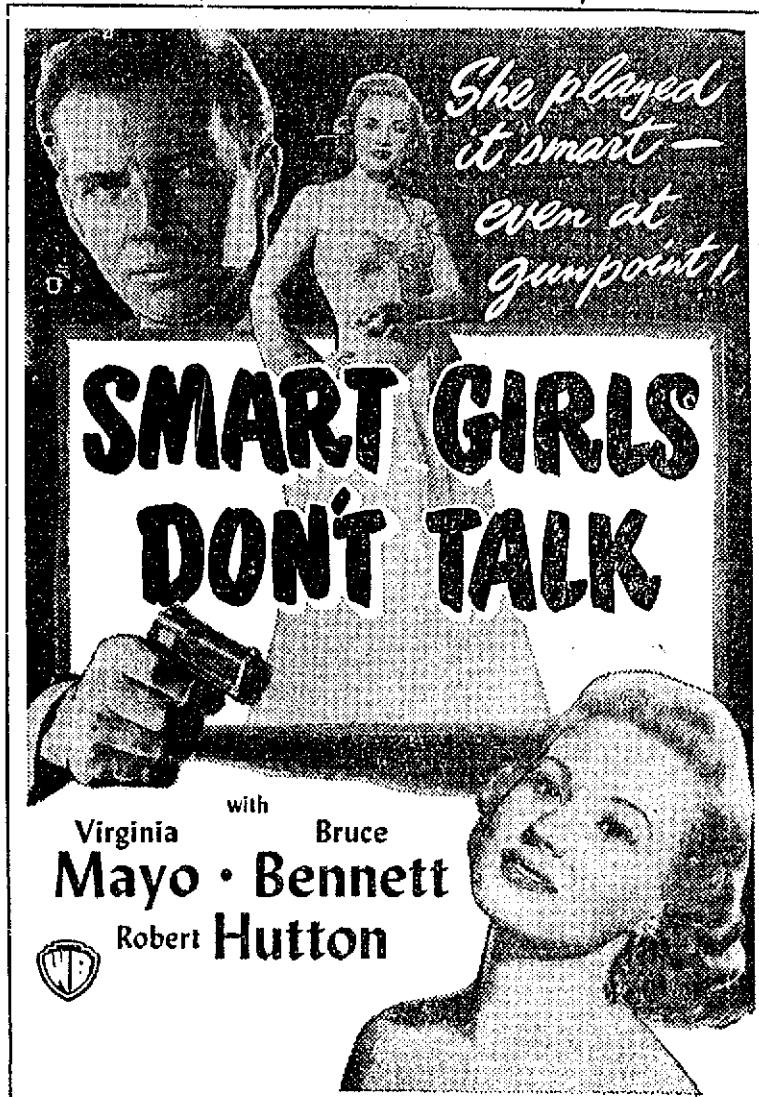
Rep. Page (D-Tex) — to repeal the oleo margarine tax.

Rep. Marcellonio (American labor-NY) — to outlaw the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting for

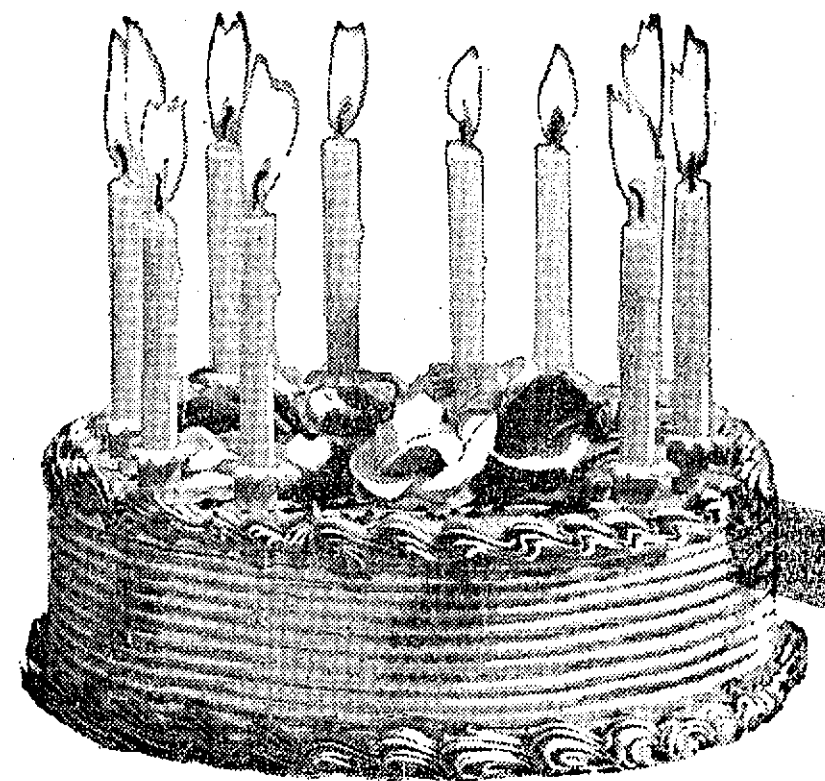
Starting at 7:00 Wednesday night the Saenger theatre will celebrate its Anniversary with the Traditional Birthday Cake served to patrons in the lobby of the theatre. At 8:00 P. M. Radio Station KXAR will interview patrons.

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Tuesday, January 4

The Robekah Lodge will meet Tuesday night, January 4, at the Lodge Hall. This will be a very special meeting and all members are urged to be present.

Wednesday, January 5

The Brownie Scout Troop No. 1, under the direction of Mrs. H. J. Davis and Mrs. Earl Clifton will meet Wednesday afternoon in the basement of the First Methodist church. All members who have not paid their National Membership dues of \$1.00, please bring it Wednesday.

Thursday, January 6

The Eastern Star Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at 12:30 o'clock Thursday, January 6 at the Hotel Balfour, for the regular luncheon meeting. Guest speaker will be Mayor Lyle Brown.

Friday, January 7

Chapter No. 328 of the Order of the Eastern Star will meet Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Masonic Hall. There will be an open installation of the new officers and after members are asked to bring their family or a guest. Refreshments will be served.

At Y.W.A. First Baptist Church

March met at the church Educational Building for their first meeting of the year, Monday, night at 6 o'clock. A pot luck supper was served to the twelve members. The long table covered with a white damask cloth was centered with lovely potted plants. Miss Mary Ethel Perkins led the group in the opening prayer.

Following the supper, Miss Perkins, president called the meeting to order and presided over a short business session. Two new members, Misses Viva Ed Thrash and Jo Ann Burroughs were welcomed into the Y.W.A.

Miss Perkins introduced Mrs. James Kirkhead, the counselor, who gave a very inspiring talk on the Y.W.A. watchword, taken from Daniel 12:3. The meeting was closed with the Misspah benediction.

Miss Moore

Wedding Announced
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bragg of Benton, Arkansas announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Jane Bragg, to Mr. Henry Moore, son of Mrs. Thelma Moore of this city, and grandson of Mrs. J. E. Schooley.

The single ring ceremony was solemnized in the study of the First Baptist church, Saturday, December 4 at 8:30 p.m. by the Reverend S. A. Whitlow, pastor.

The bride was attired in a lovely black crepe dress fashioned with an Irish lace yoke, a circular skirt, and broadcloth length sleeves. She wore green accessories.

Miss Mary Lou Moore, sister of the groom, was the couple's only attendant. She wore an Elizabeth blue two piece gingham dress with grey suede accessories.

The bride is a graduate of Benton Senior High School and is attending Henderson State Teachers College in Arkadelphia where she is a pledge to the Alpha Sigma Tau Society. Mrs. Moore was elected as one of the homecoming maidens this year.

Mr. Moore, a graduate of Hope High School, served 15 months in the U.S. Navy and is now attending Henderson State Teachers College in Arkadelphia where he is a member of the H.S.T.C. football squad and a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. They are at home in Arkadelphia.

Circle 5 of W.S.C.S.

Circle Five of the W.S.C.S. of the First Methodist church met last evening at 7:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Carl Clifton, with Mrs. Claude Clifton as co-hostess.

Mrs. Thompson Evans gave the inspirational devotional. Mrs. Delton-Houston gave some interesting remarks on "Darkness Turns to Light in Africa" and introduced the

Irregularities in Vote Would Not Interfere

Little Rock, Jan. 3 — (AP) — Irregularities in election machinery would not interfere should Arkansas voters approve Gov. elect Sid McMath's proposed highway bond issue, the United Press learned today.

A leading Arkansas jurist—who declined to be quoted by name—pointed out that such an election would actually be called under a constitutional amendment allowing acts of the legislature to be referred to the people.

"The vote would not be an actual election, he said. 'It would be a referendum or opportunity for the people to approve or disapprove the action of the 37th general assembly.'

Under present plans the bond issue for McMath's \$20,000,000 annual highway construction program is slated for approval shortly after the legislative convocation Jan. 10. It would be referred by petition to the people as early as possible in order to allow other solutions to the highway problem by the legislature should the voters disapprove the issue.

The jurist pointed out that the referendum was provided by the constitution and could not be overridden by legislative or other acts.

"The Arkansas Supreme court has consistently held, the jurist said, 'that the will of the people shall not be by-passed by any technicality which might occur in holding a state-wide vote.'

Two Memphians Face Charges of Murder

Memphis, Jan. 3 — (AP) — Two Memphians faced murder charges today as the result of separate shootings over the New Year weekend. Officers were investigating the death of a third person.

Police Inspector Pete Wiebenga said Mrs. Louis Mae Escue was charged with murder in the fatal shooting of her husband, Luther Martin Escue, 26, at their home early yesterday.

Wiebenga said Mrs. Escue told

speakers, Mrs. Stephen Bader who talked on "Lights in a Mission Station," and Mrs. James A. McCarty, who talked on "The Woman's Society of Rhodesia."

The business session was presided over by chairman, Mrs. Delton-Houston, and the following officers for the next five months were announced: Chairman, Mrs. Delton-Houston; Vice-chairman, Mrs. Claude Schenck; Secretary, Mrs. Syd McMath; Local Treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Floyd; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Howard Byers; Sec. of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Carl Jones; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Earl Young; Hostess Chairman, Mrs. James A. McCarty, Jr.; and Chairmen, Mrs. Flowers, Mrs. Merdin Coop. Pledge cards were signed by the members for the next five months.

Coming and Going

Ed Mobley and Pat Reeves of Jackson, Mississippi were holiday guests in the L.M. Lile home. They were accompanied to Jackson Saturday by Miss Alice Lile and Mr. J. W. A. of the First Educational Building for their first meeting of the year, Monday, night at 6 o'clock. A pot luck supper was served to the twelve members. The long table covered with a white damask cloth was centered with lovely potted plants. Miss Mary Ethel Perkins led the group in the opening prayer.

Miss Marguerite Berry of Shreveport, La. was the week-end guest of Miss Ora Mac Moody.

Miss Helen Franklin returned to Shreveport, Sunday morning after spending the New Year holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Franklin. Miss Franklin is attending the Tri-State School of Nursing there.

Captain and Mrs. O. L. Gibson of Sherman, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Shook, Jr. of Ft. Smith, Ark. left Sunday for their respective homes after spending the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jett Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Williams and son left Sunday for their home in Waco, Texas after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Sr. and Mrs. A. K. Holloway.

Hospital Notes

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Sanford Rubach, Detroit, Mich.
Mrs. Verdo Hollis, Palmos.
Mrs. Juanita Dickson, Hope.
Mrs. D. B. House, Palmos.
Ernest Northrup, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Branch
Admitted:
Mrs. W. W. Wright, Hope.
Discharged:
Mrs. Cecil Rogers, Hope.
Dr. A. J. Neighbors.

Top Radio Programs

New York, Jan. 4 — (AP) — Tuning tonight:
NBC—6 Jo Stafford Supper Club; 7 This Year's Life; 7:30 Date with Judy; 8:15 Dinah Shore joins Jack Smith show; 7 Mystery Theater; 8 We the People (also television); 8:30 Music; Amsterdam; 9:30 Dance Time.
ABC—6:30 Music Relaying Time; 7:30 Town Meeting "Are Corporate Profits Too High?"; 8:45 Detroit Symphony; 9:30 It's in the Family; 10:30 George O'Hanlon; 11:30 Lone Wolf; 9 American Forum "The New Congress."

Special for Wednesday
All networks 12 noon—President Truman delivering his annual state of the union message to a joint session of congress.

Other Wednesday programs:
NBC—11:30 a. m. Words and Music.
CBS—1 p.m. Second Mrs. Burton.
ABC—9:45 a. m. Eleanor and Anna Roosevelt.
MBS—10 a. m. Passing Parade.

Much Damage Results From Blizzard

By The Associated Press

Truck growers in the Florida Everglades surveyed frost-wrought damage to their crops today as a blizzard battered harassed livestock producers over most of the high Great Plains region.

With reports still incomplete on the extent of the frost and freezing temperatures in Florida Saturday night, it is known to have been heavy in many sections.

Warren O. Johnson, chief of the federal-state frost warning service, said some crops of corn, sweet potatoes, squash and new beans were killed and that lettuce, cabbage and other crops were damaged. Some citrus groves were damaged, some climbed back into the 50's throughout the south and southeast today.

The blizzard which came out of the Rocky Mountains into western Kansas, western Nebraska and western Oklahoma last night is the solid variety which might carry with it diminishing effect into the citrus fruit belt of the Rio Grande valley and Texas Gulf coast, said W. M. Perry, federal forecaster at Chicago.

Perry said the heavy snow in the plains would be whipped into drifts by strong winds throughout most of today and that visibility was at or near zero. The winds were blowing along at speeds of 45 miles an hour in western Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska to as high as 60 miles an hour in the western Dakota.

Some of the area already had received from one to four inches of new snow. The cold wave is expected to send temperatures to near zero in western Nebraska, 5-15 above in western Kansas, and 3-10 above in northwestern Oklahoma.

Snow was falling as far south as New Mexico and El Paso, Tex.

In eastern Colorado and Wyoming, where the snowfall was the heaviest of the winter, deep drifts of snow and ice were reported. Some plane flights out of Denver were cancelled. Approximately 200 motorists were stranded at Nunn, Colo., where many of them were housed in a public hall.

A roads in southeastern Wyoming were closed to all traffic except highway patrol cars which were dispatched to rescue stalled motorists.

Nothing worse than partly cloudy skies with temperatures about normal were in prospect for the northeastern states where floods continued to subside.

Winds ranging up to 60 miles an hour raked southern California, uprooting trees and causing other widespread minor damage.

The Doctor Says:

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

Written for HEA Service
Children must have vitamin D to prevent the development of a disease called rickets. This disease causes a softening of the bones with such signs as bowing of the legs and pulling in of the ribs. Vitamin D also is important in a disease of infants called infantile tetany in which the muscles go into spasm, and for a disease with general softening of the bone.

Vitamin D in sufficient quantities prevents the development of these diseases and can be used to treat them. In winter when the sun exposure is slight, vitamin D can be supplied by the diet or by taking preparations which contain sufficient quantities of this vitamin.

Other Uses
Preparations containing vitamin D have been used for many other conditions besides those mentioned, such as arthritis, allergy and a skin disease called psoriasis. However, the value of vitamin D for disorders such as these has not been accepted by authoritative medical bodies as yet.

One of the best sources of vitamin D is the fish liver oils, of which cod liver oil is the best known example. Children at first may not like to take cod liver oil, but if they are given it early enough they usually learn to accept other substances to help correct the taste. Other children and adults, of course, can take cod liver oil or other vitamin D preparations in capsules, so that question of unpleasant taste is unimportant.

Taken in ordinary quantities vitamin D is perfectly safe. Tremendous doses have been reported to produce unexpected and undesirable effects.

QUESTION: I have heard that if one drinks a glass of buttermilk every day, weight will be lost. Is this so? How about grapefruit?

ANSWER: Neither buttermilk or grapefruit contain any calories, but they do have some. If they are substituted for foods of higher caloric content, weight will be lost; if they are added to the regular diet, they will have little effect on the weight.

Police said her husband with a rifle shot had been from a farmer's house, E. B. Woodward, after Escue looked her out of their home during an argument. She said her husband threatened her.

After the shooting, Escue was charged with murder. Wiebenga reported, in the case of Mrs. Geraldine Brown, 46, who died yesterday of a heart attack.

Wiebenga quoted McDonald as saying Mrs. Escue's sudden disappearance "is quite a mystery." He said he had been told by a man showing it to Mrs. Brown after a New Year's eve party at the McDonald home.

"She'll justify Thompson was investigating the death of Ed Gill, 61, whose body was found early yesterday in the middle of Peaches road at Grant's corner, near here. He had been shot in the head.

Quote, Unquote
Jack Ochsler, Chicago White Sox manager, "I'm going with Fred Hutchinson on his shortstop next season because it could be his making to have Freddie playing ahead of Luke Appling. Not many rookies could have had a chance to say they had an Appling as their

DOROTHY DIX Like Mother, Like Daughter

Dear Miss Dix: I am a man of 25 and have been going with a girl for six months. I would appreciate it if you would tell me how a chap can find out before marriage whether a girl will make a good wife or not.

ABOUT TO BE ENGAGED
Answer: You can't, son. Marriage is one of the things that is not governed by any law of cause and effect and it defies all logic and reason. You can't say "choose this one" or "that one" and you will be happy. For to every rule for attaining connubial bliss there are a million exceptions.

However, I think that the most important tip-off that a man can get as to the kind of wife a girl is likely to make is the girl's MOTHER, and wise is the man who gives that lady the once-over before he proposes to her daughter. For, nine times out of ten, it is like Mother, like daughter.

So observe Mother closely. If she is intelligent and broad-minded and tolerant in her views and an interesting companion to spend an evening with, then go on and marry her daughter, for the odds are she will have plenty of sense and will not be an arguer. But if, on the other hand, Mother is narrow and dull and stupid and cocksure that she is always right, then pass her up to be a dead ringer for Mom.

Follows in Footsteps
Same way about housekeeping. If Mother is a thrifty manager and a crackpot housekeeper and a crackpot daughter is pretty sure to follow in her footsteps. But if a girl has been brought up in a slovenly home, she is very likely to keep the same sort of house, because she has never been taught a better.

Then look to the way Mother treats her husband. If she is solicitous of his comfort; if she is companionable with him; if she shows him that she loves him and appreciates him, then rush to the wedding with her daughter. But beware of marrying a girl whose mother is a meek downtrodden, suppressed man. Mother has tyrannized over her husband and so will her daughter tyrannize over you if you marry her.

Dear Miss Dix: I thought I was a confirmed bachelor. I have never been interested in marriage and having children, but now I

have come to the point where I have begun to question my point of view. Practically all of my friends are married and they seem so happy with their wives and youngsters that it makes me feel lonely and jealous when they brag about the achievements of their boys and girls.

Now I know a woman who would make a wonderful wife and mother. Would you advise me to marry? I am 35 years old.

LONESOME
Answer: Marry her if she will have you. You are right in thinking that no man gets a greater thrill than he does out of fine children. Also, there is no tribute that comes to him that is quite so precious as to have his youngsters brag of their Dad.

It is only in his children that a man can relive his life and realize the ambitions that have eluded him.

Dear Dorothy Dix: I have been married five years during which time I have worked constantly, coming home at night to do the cooking and the housework. Each week I turn my pay check over to my husband, upon his demand, and he spends the money mostly on drink and women. He didn't have a job when we were married, but he promised to get one. However, he has never done a lick of work during our five years together.

He is always telling me how old and shabby I look and mistreats me in every way possible. What shall I do? Shall I just take the attitude that it is "just life" and let it go at that?

MISERABLE
Answer: That isn't "just life." That is just plain, unadulterated foolishness. Life doesn't demand that any woman in the world shall work like a slave and turn all of her earnings over to a drunken, lazy, unfaithful husband, and any wife who does so is lacking in even elementary intelligence and has no backbone. Then a fishing worm.

I have no tears to shed over you, because no wife has to stand such treatment from her husband. If she does, it is because she has a heart of a dog and licks the hand that beats her.

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

THE STORY: When sixteen-year-old Merry Carson learns that her selfish father, Kin, has asked her to marry him, she turns to her mother, Susan, for advice. Kin leaves home and Susan goes to pieces. Aunt Jane comes to look after things. The doctor advises a change for Susan to a sanatorium. Merry goes to an island resort. Her Susan buys a house from Carter Bagby. Carter treats her gallantly and Susan begins to perk up. Merry goes to spend a couple of days with her father in the hot June sunshine. She sees Tip Kennedy again but tells him she still doesn't believe in marriage, after what happened to her parents. Her father warns her not to let this influence her life.

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have come to the point where I have begun to question my point of view. Practically all of my friends are married and they seem so happy with their wives and youngsters that it makes me feel lonely and jealous when they brag about the achievements of their boys and girls.

Now I know a woman who would make a wonderful wife and mother. Would you advise me to marry? I am 35 years old.

LONESOME
Answer: Marry her if she will have you. You are right in thinking that no man gets a greater thrill than he does out of fine children. Also, there is no tribute that comes to him that is quite so precious as to have his youngsters brag of their Dad.

It is only in his children that a man can relive his life and realize the ambitions that have eluded him.

Dear Dorothy Dix: I have been married five years during which time I have worked constantly, coming home at night to do the cooking and the housework. Each week I turn my pay check over to my husband, upon his demand, and he spends the money mostly on drink and women. He didn't have a job when we were married, but he promised to get one. However, he has never done a lick of work during our five years together.

He is always telling me how old and shabby I look and mistreats me in every way possible. What shall I do? Shall I just take the attitude that it is "just life" and let it go at that?

MISERABLE
Answer: That isn't "just life." That is just plain, unadulterated foolishness. Life doesn't demand that any woman in the world shall work like a slave and turn all of her earnings over to a drunken, lazy, unfaithful husband, and any wife who does so is lacking in even elementary intelligence and has no backbone. Then a fishing worm.

I have no tears to shed over you, because no wife has to stand such treatment from her husband. If she does, it is because she has a heart of a dog and licks the hand that beats her.

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Ethics Dispute Over Age of Minister

Los Angeles, Jan. 4 — (UP)—A dispute over the ethics of a marriage performed by a four-year-old boy minister raged through religious circles today, although legal authorities agreed the rite was within the law.

Deputy County Counsel Edward H. Gaylor said the ceremony Sunday joining Alma Brown, 21, and Navy Seaman Raymond Miller, 23, was valid despite being performed by a minor, the Rev. Marbo Gorton, who is four years old.

The curiously aged, freckled youngster, an ordained evangelist, carried off his part of the rites in Long Beach, Cal., as though it was an everyday occurrence. But his father, the Rev. Vernon Gorton, said it was his first wedding.

Typical of criticism from clergymen, however, was the comment of the Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Dolan, pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic church in Long Beach.

"The conduct of churches such as this makes a farce of religion. The child is an innocent victim of marriage," he declared.

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Britain Seeks Aid of Talkative Women

London — (AP) — Talkative women can be very useful in helping Britain understand how to achieve economic recovery, says Sir Stafford Cripps, the nation's economics minister. Addressing a recent meeting of labor party and trade union women, Sir Stafford smilingly noted: "It may be that men are wrong in accusing women of being gossip-mongers, but from the point of view of putting across the true story of our problems, our efforts and our successes, who can do it better than the woman in those casual and intimate talks that she has with friends?"

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Rodents range in size from pygmy mice, which rank among the smallest of mammals, to the capybara, which is four feet long. Icebergs frequently are encountered far south of Polar regions.

Prescott News

Tuesday, January 4

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Uel Chamberlain with Mrs. J. W. Gist co-hostess.

Wednesday, January 5

The Session of the Presbyterian Church will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m.

There will be mid-week services at the Assembly of God Church Wednesday evening.

There will be choir practice at Central Baptist church at 7 p.m. followed with Prayer Service and Bible lesson.

The Presbyterian choir will practice Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. A mid-week meeting will be held at First Christian Church at 7:30 p.m.

The Methodist choir will practice Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 5

The W.C.T.U. will meet with Mrs. Sidney Loomis at her home on the Rosston Road at 2:30 p.m.

Members of the '37 Contract Club and their husbands enjoyed a New Year's Eve supper-dance, Friday evening at the Maple Inn. A delicious barbecued chicken supper was served and noise makers were given as favors.

Those attending were: Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Arnold, Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McRae, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. Powell Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Art Regnier, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Justiss, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watson of El Dorado, and Mr. and Mrs. John Pittman.

The O.E.S. held an open installation of officers Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall.

The meeting was opened by the chapter forming a cross and carrying lighted candles, and singing "Ode Rugged Cross." The presentation of jewels was made by six girls acting as pages. Mildred Corrine Buchanan (age 2) presented her mother's jewel on a small white Bible. Margie McDaniell, Rosana Langley, Joan Gilbert, Pat Cunningham and Pat Griffith presented the other jewels singing "Now is the Hour" to the worthy matron, Mrs. Watson Buchanan. The appreciation to the chapter by worthy matron, Sid Loomis, Solo "Bless This House" by Fred Posey.

Installation officers introduced by the worthy matron were Mrs. D. S. Jordan, Miss Sue Martin, Mrs. S. B. Gee, and Mrs. L. L. Buchanan. Retiring March and recess.

Officers installed were: Mrs. Eunice Thompson, worthy matron, N. N. Daniel, worthy patron, Mrs. George Cunningham, associate ma-

tron, Sidney Loomis, associate patron; Mrs. Electra Wells, secretary; Mrs. N. N. Daniel, treasurer; Peacock, chaplain, Lawrence Stoval; Marshall, Mrs. Paul Buchanan; organist, Mrs. J. V. McMahon; Ada, Mrs. Brice Stewart; Ruth, Mrs. Skippy White; Martha, Mrs. Ollis Langston; Electra, Mrs. A. V. Babb; warden, Mrs. George Cashman; Sentinel, Mrs. L. L. Buchanan.

An address was given by the worthy matron, Mrs. Eunice Thompson. Master O. R. Peacock gave an address of greetings from the Masons of Prescott Lodge No. 80. An informal reception followed the meeting. Mrs. George Cunningham presided at the silver service.

Others assisting were Mrs. Ollis Langston, Mrs. C. R. Peacock, Mrs. N. N. Daniel, Mrs. J. V. McMahon, and Mrs. Eunice Thompson. Other pages assisting were Mrs. Mary Buchanan and Gail Babb.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Irwin and children of Little Rock were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robey.

Miss Marzelle McBride left last night for Little Rock where she will make her home. She will be affiliated with Fulk and Company, Realtors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yancey and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Yancey spent Saturday in Texarkana.

Jack Gordon spent last week in Warren as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Haynie.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watson of El Dorado were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hays.

Miss Ann Franks of San Antonio, Texas was the guest of her father, J. B. Franks, last week.

Miss Mildred Guthrie returned to Houston, Sunday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Guthrie.

Harley Cox has returned to the University of Arkansas. Fayetteville after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cox.

Bobby Elgin and Misses Rita Mae McCaskill and Ida R. Hamilton were the guests of Buddy Moore in Gordon on Friday night and attended a dance for young people at the Legion Hut.

Howard Harrell and Miss Winnifred Hennis have returned to Little Rock after a ten day visit with Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hamilton and Mrs. J. C. Stegar, Sr.

Students Demand Professor Walk Barefooted

Canton, Jan. 3 — (AP) — Professors at national Sun Yat Sen university today demanded that education commissioner Chu Siu-chieh walk barefooted through the city for insulting the school.

Benny Switch to Cost Him Plenty

Hollywood, Jan. 3 — (UP) — Jack Benny expected a letter from the government today telling him he's going to make about \$1,000,000 less than he expected on his switch from NBC to CBS.

But he picked up an unexpected four-bits on the deal. He said he would save a 50-cent parking fee by moving his broadcast the half-block from the National to the Columbia Broadcasting studios.

"Doesn't cost me a cent to park now," he cracked. "I paid NBC 50 cents a week for 17 years."

That, he said, softened the blow dealt him by the internal revenue collectors. The tax men were about paying only 25 per cent capital gains tax on the \$2,200,000 paid him by CBS. He'll have to pay 75 per cent — about \$1,695,000 — in personal income tax.

Benny's writers ignored the fact that he had a free parking space behind Studio "B" reserved for his shiny blue Cadillac convertible. Their script had him trying to track down CBS President William Paley to validate his parking ticket.

The comic said there were other advantages to the CBS deal besides the big fee paid him and the free parking.

"This studio has 51 more seats than my old one," he said. "And do you know this is the first time my show will be heard in Alaska?"

Columbia also allows him to make jokes about comedians on other networks. Singer Dennis Day remarked last night that he lost his pants because they walked into NBC without him because of habit.

The network's billboards spot announcements heralded Benny's shift all week. Skywriters scribbled "Jack Benny on CBS" over the Pasadena Rose Bowl on New Year's day.

NBC, which lost Benny, Edgar Bergen, and Amos and Andy during the CBS assault, put Horace Heidt on to compete with Benny. It had three low-planes up pulling a huge streamer announcing, "Horace Heidt has the No. 1 spot."

Dr. Bowman of John Hopkins Resigns

Baltimore, Jan. 3 — (AP) — Three days after the old year, an era quietly ended for one of America's great institutions of higher learning, John Hopkins University.

Its president, Dr. Isaiah Bowman—who helped set the boundaries of Europe after the first world war—retired today after a 13-year term.

Immediately, Dr. Detlev Bronk, University of Pennsylvania geophysicist and director of the national research council, took over as the sixth Hopkins president.

Dr. Bowman — internationally known geographer, author, and "incurable teacher" as a colleague called him—stepped into private life, but his friends had assurance that "I'll be buzzing around as usual."

Communists Act Further to Kill Spirit of Religion, Independence of People

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

The new Communist onslaught against religion in eastern Europe is a further effort to kill the spirit of independence which always has characterized the peoples of that part of the continent.

This is by no means the first evidence we have had that Moscow isn't finding it easy to subjugate these liberty-loving countries. Unrest has shown itself in virtually all of them — Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Finland, Rumania. Even the three little Baltic states which Moscow annexed are reported to be miserable in their servitude.

Russia's latest assault on religion has been directed against Czechoslovakia and Hungary. In the former, leaders of the Protestant churches have been warned "to put their ranks in order with the state." They are accused of having "ties with the Anglo-Saxon world which is against us."

At the same time there has been a fresh blast of abuse against the Roman Catholic church of Czechoslovakia. The Prague radio has charged that "cardinals and archbishops became the spokesmen of fascism in central Europe."

All this coincides with the action of the Hungarian government in imprisoning Cardinal Mindszenty.

And ten top persons of the Roman Catholic church of Hungary. The cardinal, who is primate of the country, has "confessed his guilt" to treason charges.

American Undersecretary of State Lovett has characterized the action against Cardinal Mindszenty as a sickening sham. He said it is the kind of behavior typical of Communist countries, and is the climax of a long series of actions against the freedom, human and religious freedom, President Truman concurred in Lovett's statement.

Why should the Communists be so violent against religion? It is essential that we understand this because one of the cardinal tenets of the doctrine of the masses and must be killed. The Communist parties of all countries persistently drive to achieve that aim.

The real point is, of course, that nobody can be a Communist and at the same time hold religious beliefs.

In this respect communism and nazism were similar. As I have pointed out in previous columns, Hitler did his best to kill religion in Germany because he knew that no religious person could subscribe

to his evil projects. His program included war of aggression, genocide and imposition of slavery on conquered countries. In order to get his people to follow him to tried to deprive them of their religion.

For similar reasons the Communists are waging a studied drive against religion in all forms. Religion is the greatest barrier to the Red conquest of the world.

There are innumerable illustrations of how communism and religion clash, but it would be hard to find a better one than that provided in a statement by U. S. Army Secretary Kenneth C. Royall the other day in Berlin. He said that intelligence reports show 13,000,000 persons are held in Russian forced labor camps. These include 9,000,000 Russians, 2,000,000 Germans and 2,000,000 of other nationalities, such as Poles and Czechoslovaks.

Do you think anybody who had even a modicum of religious belief could subscribe to such a terrible thing? The answer is "no."

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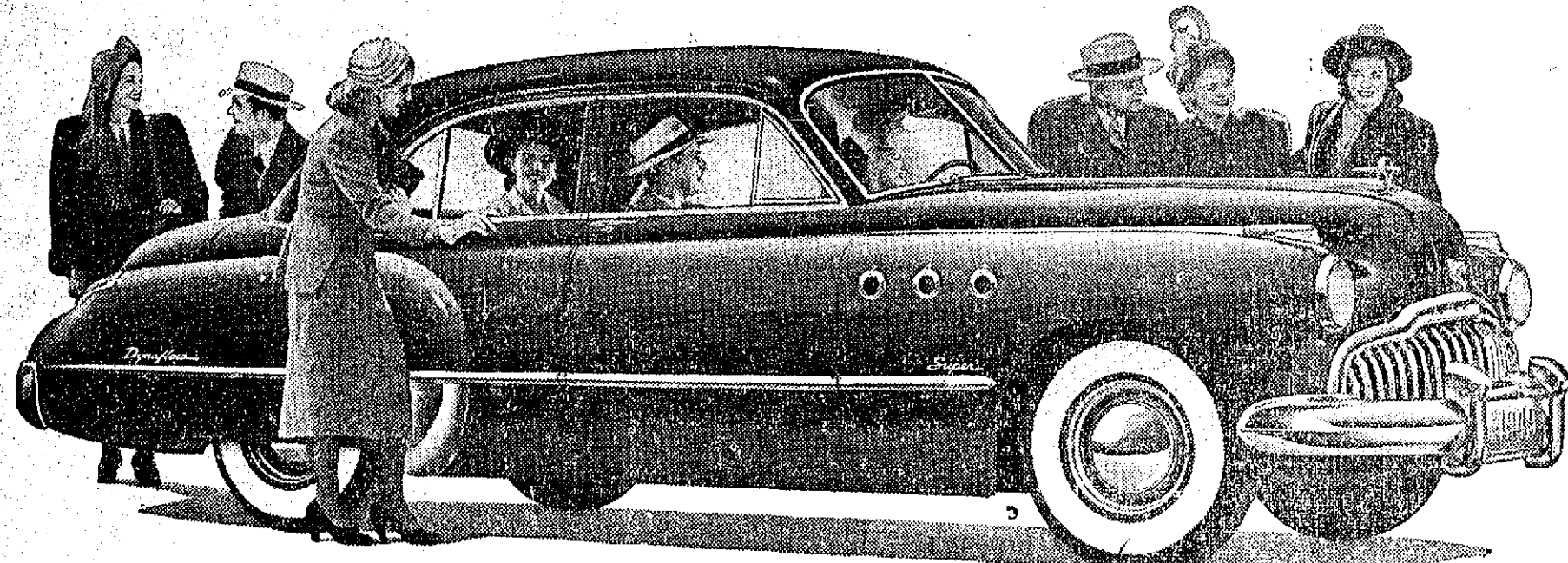
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